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OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

Oil activities are very noticeable in and around Bliss.

The First National Bank of Durant has taken over the First State Bank of Mead.

It is hoped the snow and the extreme cold will result in the death of thousands of chinch bugs.

It is stated Rogers county will this year have the largest acreage under cultivation in its history.

Half a dozen people were killed in political riots in Tokio, growing out of opposition to the present cabinet.

It is stated the farmers around Brown county will this year greatly increase the acreage of oats and peanuts.

Fairview held a Farmers' Institute Wednesday, February 12, when delegates told of their experience at Stillwater.

The northern part of Oklahoma did not have nearly so heavy a snowfall recently as did the central and southern parts.

The Bartlesville Enterprise advises its subscribers to notify the police if they are annoyed by book agents and peddlers.

Rev. H. W. Allen, presiding elder of the district including Bartlesville, died at his home in Weatherford after a brief illness.

The Ponca City Daily Courier is trying hard to work up sufficient enthusiasm among the fans of that town to form a baseball aggregation.

The young son of Jim Akers was killed in a runaway accident near the home of Harvey Moss, three miles south of Sulphur, last week.

Vinita business men are offering a prize for the best mile and a half road leading into that town, and it is said many are entered in the contest.

A depth of 650 feet has been reached in the well north of Morrison, in Noble County, which is being bored in an effort to locate an oil gusher.

Because the old county jail was condemned and had to be removed to another building, Latimer county may soon build its own court house and jail at Wilburton.

Wilburton has deeded a lot 100 by 150 feet on College street to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway on which to erect a new station the company has promised.

Pawhuska may soon have free mail delivery. It is announced an inspector has been ordered to that place from Washington for the purpose of investigating and making a report to the officials.

Mayor Morris of Wilburton handed in his resignation last week, but the council refused to accept it. He stated if he continued to serve as mayor, he would not accept or expect pay for his services.

For the purpose of promoting good roads, favorable legislation, clearer streets, joy driving regulations and other conditions necessary to enjoyable and profitable automobilism, the Tulsa County Automobile association was organized in Tulsa. Cyrus S. Avery was elected president.

Superintendent Ben Hester of the Claremore schools has issued a proclamation declaring Friday, February 21, a holiday in order that all teachers of the vicinity of Claremore may attend the Northeastern Oklahoma Teachers' Association meeting to be held in Nowata February 21 and 22.

Fallis has the record of having arrested possibly the oldest alleged bootlegger in the state, who is a woman 70 years of age. She was able to give the required bond of \$1,000 for her appearance after arrest.

May 30 and 31 are the dates that have been selected for the district convention of the grand council of United Commercial Travelers of Oklahoma and Kansas. The convention will be held in Muskogee.

Mrs. Irvin Tittle of Skiatook was all but fatally burned at her home in that town, when her gown caught fire from a gas stove. She had just arisen and lighted the stove and as she wheeled around, her gown caught fire from the front of the stove and the wearer was, perhaps, fatally burned.

For the purpose of perfecting an organization to advance and carry out any matters pertaining to the betterment of conditions in LeFlore county, relating to the agricultural interests, a meeting is to be held in Poteau Friday, February 21, and indications are it will be well-attended. Efforts are being made to have business men, bankers and farmers attend.

REAPPORTIONMENT BILL IS REPORTED



The proposed congressional reapportionment bill has been reported to the house with many changes since it was written. After a majority of the committee had agreed on the bill, the above map was prepared, but several slight changes were made just

before reporting the bill and the districts were renumbered. The reader should note the following changes in the above map. The Muskogee district, numbered 7, should be renumbered 2; No. 8 on the map should be No. 3, as the bill now stands; No. 6 should be No. 4; No. 5 should be

No. 6; No. 2 should be No. 5; No. 4 should be No. 7; No. 3 should be No. 8. Coal county was put over into No. 4, it formerly was in No. 5. Latimer county was taken from the Muskogee district and added to No. 3 (formerly No. 8).

With these changes, the above map

shows exactly the bill finally agreed upon by a majority of the house congressional redistricting committee.

A vain attempt was made at the committee to swap Jackson for Washita, in the two western districts. A minority report signed by six members, was presented in the house.

LEO MEYER HAS RESIGNED



Leo Meyer.

West Resolution Turned Down

One of the frankest and most acrimonious debates that has occurred in the house of representatives this session came up with Representative Curry of Tulsa pitted against half a dozen of the house orators over his resolutions calling upon Attorney General Charles West to report to the general investigating committee why W. R. McBride, former warrant clerk, charged with issuing \$25,000 of forged

state warrants, is a familiar figure on the streets and around the hotel lobbies here nowadays. Instead of in the penitentiary. The resolution was ordered redrafted to eliminate objectionable features.

The debate ended with the house voting 44 to 38 to expurge the Curry resolution from the permanent records because its phraseology was deemed too strong and undignified, and the resolution itself was sent to judiciary No. 2 to be redrafted more in accordance with the idea of good taste prevalent in the house.

The Curry resolution, which was introduced some days ago, recited McBride's entire career, including his European tour and trip to "Gay Paree," his final investment of the last of his ill-gotten gains in a theatrical production replete, as Representative Curry said, "with many beautiful blonde and brunette chorus girls," his pertinent telegram to Attorney General West from New York city promising to return and "tell all he knew" if money and transportation were sent him; the secret trip made by the attorney general to Monett, Mo., to meet the returning prodigal; the secrecy with which the attorney general surrounded McBride's return to Oklahoma during the first week or so after he had been taken in charge by Sheriff Murphy of Guthrie; the newspaper stories inspired by the attorney general of the "men higher up;" of the arrest of Charles Renfro in the state of Oregon as one of the men higher up, and his subsequent release on preliminary hearing; the fact

that the attorney general has not begun any prosecution of McBride; the story of immunity given McBride, and that the latter spends much of his time loafing around Oklahoma City and in the hotel lobbies, while stories float abroad that he is in the pay of the attorney general as a detective seeking information against other state departments.

House Bills in Senate

The bill by Woodward, appropriating \$100,000 for the union or graded school districts, and providing for the distribution of it in the hands of the state board of education, and the bill by Wright and Jones of the senate, abolishing all offices of deputy constables, were passed by the senate in committee of the whole. The latter bill puts out of commission about five thousand petty officers.

Among the new bills introduced in the senate was one by Edmonson reviving the fight to abolish the state highway department, and another defining what are habitual criminals, providing for sentencing them to the penitentiary for life if convicted a certain number of times for committing offenses wherein the element of fraud or felony enters.

Another bill by Dutton and Burford, provides for new state, county and precinct election boards. Chairmen of the central committees of the three political parties in the state receiving the highest number of votes may select and certify to the secretary of state names of those who shall compose the board.

THE NEW STATE AUDITOR



J. C. McClelland.

State Auditor Leo Meyer, brought the impeachment proceedings against him to an abrupt end by resigning his office. Hon. W. A. Ledbetter attorney for Meyer, and Representative Wyand had a conference with Governor Cruce, at which Mr. Ledbetter tendered the state auditor's formal resignation. It was accepted immediately, and the governor named J. C. McClelland of Oklahoma City, a banker, to fill the vacancy.

By McMahan, Spengler, Bishop, Childers, Peery, Lenox and H. H. Smith: An act requiring the county assessor to go to each voting precinct, incorporated town or village and city for the purpose of assessing property.

By McCrory, Spengler, Carr and Howe: An act providing for the reapportionment of the state into judicial districts and fixing the time for holding terms of court therein.

By Wright: An act regulating the annulment of marriage and divorce.

By Wright: An act making void marriage in another state or county in evasion or violation of the laws of Oklahoma.

By Joyner and Bisby: An act providing for county option on abolition or maintenance of township government.

By joint committee on education of the senate and house and Cook, Emanuel, Rexroat and Bishop: An act prescribing laws for the government of common schools.

By Reece: An act in relation to the release of record of oil, gas and other mineral leases.

Banking Board Probed Asked.

Another investigation that promises interesting disclosures was started by the senate when it adopted a resolution calling for a complete investigation of the transactions of the state banking board in the handling of the state guaranty fund. The resolution, which was drawn by Senator Sid Garrett of Fort Gibson, chairman of the senate committee on banks and banking, and Senator W. N. Redwine of McAlester, chairman of the committee now engaged in the probe of the state penitentiary, alleges "irregularities and mismanagement in handling the guaranty fund in connection with bank failures in Creek county and other places." The alleged irregularities are not specifically mentioned in the resolution.

Judicial Appropriation.

The Austin act, appropriating \$12,000 to pay salaries for district judges for the period from July 1, 1911, and ending June 30, 1913, was passed finally and three other bills were considered in committee of the whole and recommended for passage. The Aus-

tin bill carries an additional appropriation of \$2,000 to pay expenses of district judges incurred while holding court out of their own districts.

New House Bills

New house bills are as follows:

By Curry: An act making appropriation for a state building to be constructed of lumber and kafir corn at the International Dry Farming congress, etc.

By J. Roy Williams and R. P. Hill: An act providing for the compensation of injured workmen in extra hazardous industries, and for compensation of their dependants where such injuries result in death, placing the supervision of the act under the commissioner of labor, making an appropriation for the administration of the act out of the accident fund for the compensation and care of workmen injured in hazardous employment, providing penalties for violation.

By Hoyt and Disney: An act providing for the reapportionment of the state into senatorial districts.

By Sharp, McCrory, Bolen and Hill of Pittsburg: An act to pay hotel and

traveling expenses of district judges while holding court outside of home counties.

By Hunter (by request): An act providing for county court at the town of Boswell, Choctaw county.

By Rexroat: An act fixing the liability of costs in criminal cases appealed from justice of the peace courts and police courts.

By Rexroat: An act making an appropriation for building and equipping the state school for the blind.

By Russell of the house and McClelland of the senate: An act requiring county officers to make monthly reports to the county commissioners prescribing a penalty thereof, and declaring an emergency.

By Edwards, Bolen and Sharp: An act providing for the reapportionment of the state into senatorial districts.

By Whitman, Durant, Smith of Pottawatomie of the house and McClelland, Redwine and Carpenter of the senate: An act entitled an act empowering the state examiner and inspector to secure certain data, prescribe the manner of compiling, etc.